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1. At the end of November 1952, the Central Supply and Service Command of the Chinese Communist Revolutionary Military Council completed the construction of a large air raid shelter approximately seven meters west of the Hungyeh (4767/5509) Country Villa in the Hsishan (6007/1472) suburb of Peiping. The two-story shelter, built on the foundations of a large cave, had an area of 1,000 square meters. There were seven entrances and exits, three of which were secret and four visible. Equipment in the shelter included a clinic, store room, and dynamos.

2. Upon completion of construction, the shelter was immediately closed, and engineering personnel involved in the construction were instructed not to discuss the project.

3. On 5 December 1952, one thousand Chinese Communist anti-aircraft gunners returned to Peiping from the USSR, where they had been sent to receive specialized training. About 400 of these gunners were to be assigned to the Northeast Military Area and the remainder to other areas, mostly along the coast.

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